

THE RAILWAY RATES INQUIR

THE ALLEGED SECRET INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LAND COMMISSIONERS.—Mr. Foster has published the following letter, which he has addressed to Mr. A. M. Kavanagh, January 6, 1892. "Dear Mr. Kavanagh,—I have your letter of the 27th of December last, in which you speak both Monday and in your remarks about the Land Commissioners under the Land Act I find you say, 'as saying, "I believe—and I am full of belief—that the Government will not permit the Land Commission now to make the statement publicly in order that the Government may have the opportunity of correcting it if it is not correct." I believe there have been very secret instructions given to the Land Commissioners as to their conduct and their compliance with which is a condition of their appointment.' As a rule, I think it better to postpone right until we are asked to do so; but I cannot help making them in Parliament; but upon so important a matter as this I cannot allow a gentleman of your high authority to remain silent, and for whom I have so much personal respect and regard, to leave me without having said anything, therefore, at once contradicted this statement, for which I am fully responsible in foundation whatever, and respecting which you wish you had said nothing at all, I am, dear Mr. Kavanagh, yours sincerely, W. E. Foster."

ing, according to the report, is the fact that the railways of the colonies in regard to the carriage of coal, and of other products, if such a rate obtained? As regards the charges on the New South Wales lines are low or are they are on any of the railways of the neighboring colonies? It is difficult at any time to get the rates of the colonies where competition exists. For obvious reasons, the railways do not make known their rates, as they fear that if they do so they will be asked to lower them. It is for the traffic, however, at the inquiry is now being instituted in England, some revelation of these charges has been made. The information of the I. C. I. will quote first the rates for the carriage of goods and other packed materials, for which, as it is a fertilizer, the rates are low. The rate is 6s. 3d. per ton in England, and 18 miles, the rate is 6s. 3d. per ton in England, and 3s. 5d. in this colony; for 32 miles, 10s., as against 5s. 4s. 5d., 12s. 6d., as against 7s. 11d.; 84 miles, 19s. 6d.; 112 miles, 24s. 6d.; 140 miles, 29s. 6d.; 168 miles, 34s. 6d. It will be seen from these rates that our farmers can nothing to complain of in regard to the charges on art

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of the lands would be at least return 24 or 25 per cent a year per 100 acres, clear of management; and in some cases return £20 a year for every 100 acres so granted; that, with the aid of the small loans which the Government had made, these means would insure the increased production of increased value of the lands, which all lands acquire as population increases, would be secured; that the Government had the means and the power to be certain to amount to something enormous, and far above any claim which may be made for interest on the advances, or for reductions of the debt.

The same principle can be applied to every endowment to municipalities throughout the colony, and even to charitable institutions, so that we can, by these means, save the Government the enormous expenditure which would otherwise be the freedom of our public lands. The simplest plan would be for the Government to borrow direct, and apply the proceeds to the purchase of the lands, from the proceeds to be ready to use in the English market, and that no clique of the colonial nabobs, nor bank combinations, have power to influence against the wealthy citizens of London. These means will most certainly be of use to the colony.

I am, &c.,
R. C. LUBBOCK.

Nithsdale-street, February 20th.

My dear Sir,
I beg to inform you that the above is the substance of the speech made by Henry Stanley Osborn, the President of the Geological Society, at the meeting of the Society on the 17th inst.

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